

Worksheet: Bounded Blocking Concurrent List using Semaphores

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6.         this.capacity = capacity;
7.         sem = new Semaphore(capacity);
8.     }
9.     public void addFirst(Object x) throws InterruptedException {
10.        try { list.addFirst(x); }
11.        catch (Throwable t){ rethrow(t); } // only performed on exception
12.    }
13.    public boolean remove(Object x) {
14.        if (list.remove(x)) { return true; }
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16.    }
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9.     public void addFirst(Object x) throws InterruptedException {
10.        sem.acquire(); // blocks until a permit is available
11.        try { list.addFirst(x); }
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14.    public boolean remove(Object x) {
15.        if (list.remove(x)) { sem.release(); return true; }
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